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DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION AND NATURAL RESOURCES  
**DIVISION OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION**

333 W. Nye Lane, Room 138  
Carson City, Nevada 89706

## Notice of Proposed Action

The Administrator of the Division of Environmental Protection gives notice that an application for the renewal of Water Pollution Control Permit for a mining facility, the Rochester Mine Project, has been properly filed with the Division of Environmental Protection in Carson City. The applicant for renewal of Permit NEV0050037 is:

Coeur Rochester, Inc.  
P.O. Box 1057  
Lovelock, NV 89419

The facility is located in Pershing County, Nevada, in the south-central portion of the Humboldt Range, approximately 28 miles northeast of the town of Lovelock. Activity related to this project will occur within all or portions of Sections 9, 10, 15, 16, 21, 22, 27, 28, 32, and 33 of Township 28 North, Range 34 East, Mount Diablo Baseline and Meridian (MDB&M). The project consists of open pit mining with associated waste rock dumps, ore crushing facilities, valley-fill heap leach pads, process ponds, stormwater basins, process buildings and ancillary facilities. Ore is processed using conventional cyanide heap leaching technology with precious metal recovery via Merrill-Crowe zinc precipitation. The project is designed, constructed, and will be operated and closed without any discharge or release in excess of those standards established in regulation except for meteorological events that exceed the design storm event.

The Administrator is constrained to renew the Water Pollution Control Permit or to deny the application. The Administrator has made the tentative determination to issue the renewed permit.

Persons wishing to comment upon the proposed permit or who request a public hearing pursuant to the Nevada Administrative Code, NAC Chapter 445A, must submit their comments or requests no later than 5:00 pm on the 30th day following publication of this notice in the Lovelock Review-Miner in Lovelock, Nevada to the:

Division of Environmental Protection  
Bureau of Mining Regulation and Reclamation  
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All comments or requests received during the public notice period will be considered in the final determination regarding this permit. If the Division determines written comments or requests indicate a significant degree of public interest in this matter, the Administrator may schedule a public hearing in accordance with the requirements of NAC 445A.405.

The permit and all application documents are on file at the Division and are available for public inspection and copying pursuant to NRS 445A.665. For more information contact Bob Carlson at (775) 687-9401, toll free in Nevada (800) 992-0900 ext. 4670, or visit our website at <http://ndep.nv.gov/bmrr/bmrr01.htm>.